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Weekly Views

Mike Hoffman, weatherman for channel 16, WNDU South Bend, visited Camp Summit (CS) Boot Camp to discuss various weather phenomena and gave the Camp Summit staff and students an inside look at the production of the weather reports at the news station. The visit was arranged by Mr. Tom Ferrara, who teaches the Careers class at Camp Summit. Mr. Hoffman broadcast a photo of his visit to CS on the evening news the day of his visit. (see photo right)



Members of the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force made a fact finding visit to Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, spending time in the facility's Youth Incarcerated as Adults (YIA) Unit. Kellie Whitcomb, IDOC Director of Juvenile Re-Entry & External Relations, helped coordinate the event, with YIA staff sharing programming information and answering questions to help enhance continued re-entry success for youth.

Six offenders from the Madison Correctional Facility passed the state board testing for licensing in Nail Technician and Cosmetology.

The Westville Correctional Facility will host an exciting basketball game between the WCC Varsity team and the NW Indiana Magical Stars this weekend. The Stars, an expansion franchise of the ABA, will bring their best to the facility on Friday night. WCC's Varsity team is coached by Recreation Leader Dan Palombizio, Indiana's Mr. Basketball 1981 and Ball State All-Star.

After 36 years of service, IDOC Central Office gathered to thank and congratulate Lonnise Roberson during her Retirement Celebration. Lonnise has spent the past six years as a part of the Legal Services Division, assisting with SEAC employment litigation. She has also been instrumental in helping initiate the Restorative Justice program. Lonnise is looking forward to spending more time with her friends and family and plans to travel abroad. Congratulation Lonnise!

Pendleton Correctional Facility employee Linda Becker was honored during a retirement luncheon in recognition of her 17 years of dedicated service to the facility and the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC). Congratulations Linda! Have a great retirement!

It was a busy week for the students at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. The students participated in community service with the Anderson Police Department, helping the police set up for a Crime Awareness Seminar. Students also helped with construction on a house in Madison County for Habitat for Humanity and volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank.

As part of Black History Month, students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility attended a program presented by local historian and actress Sue Livers. She presented her very popular portrayal of a black minister's wife during pre-civil war days here in Madison, IN. This Black minister was one of the pivotal leaders of the Underground Railroad that was extremely active in Madison. Slaves came across the Ohio River from Kentucky into a new free world while slave hunters did their best to track them down on the Indiana side.

In recognition of Black History Month, The Henryville Correctional Facility invited the Down by the Wayside Choir from Louisville, Kentucky to share musical selections as well as testimonies of changing their lives to the offender population. The choir has been singing in the Kentuckiana area since 2000. The choir is composed of members in recovery or recovered from drugs and/or alcohol.

Superintendent William K. Wilson judged a science fair on behalf of the Indiana State Prison at Barker Middle School in Michigan City, Indiana.



Wabash Valley Correctional Facility is the latest learning experience for Vincennes University (VU) Nursing Students, on grounds for hands on psych clinical rotations. VU nursing instructors and their students are spending time with CMS staff, making rounds in mental health areas and learning more about nursing careers in partnership with the IDOC. (see photo left)

A Kairos Fellowship Group spent three days at New Castle Correctional Facility meeting with a select group of offenders.

Congratulations to two recently promoted Pendleton Correctional Facility employees. Captain Karl Downey was promoted to the rank of Major and will serve as the facility's Custody Supervisor. Case Work Manager John Safford has been promoted to the position of Correctional Unit Team Manager 2.

Miami Correctional Facility's IN Shape Committee finished up its first quarter event which was a four week class of Zumba dance, an exercise class that features Latin music and dance moves. Eight staff members participated in the eight classes at the training building led by Zumba Gold Instructor Cindy Marschand from Galveston.